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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JUNE 13 YEDIOT ARTICLE BY BEN
PORAT WHICH IS MOST COHERENT, BUT ENTIRELY UNSUBSTANTIATED
PRESS ACCOUNT OF YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE KEY TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION
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ON THE SUBJECT WHICH HAS BEEN PREOCCUPYING ITS ATTENTION
FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS NATURALLY LIES WITH PRIME MINISTER
BEGIN. BUT HIS STAND IS STILL A RIDDLE. YESTERDAY,
TOO, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THREE SEPARATE PROPOSALS
WERE PLACED BEFORE THE CABINET, THE PRIME MINISTER RE-
MAINED SILENT, NOT REVEALING HIS OPINION, MEANING,
THAT THE PRIME MINISTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONCLUDE

THE DISCUSSION, IN THE HOPE AND EFFORT OF FINDING A FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE CABINET MEMBERS. THE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S LIEUTENANT MINISTER HAIM LANDAU REPEATED THE ANSWER MADE VERBALLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER BY THE PRIME MINISTER SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, VIZ: LET REALITY HAVE ITS WAY; ONCE FIVE YEARS OF AUTONOMY ARE OVER, IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED EACH SIDE WILL BE ENTITLED TO RAISE NEW PROPOSALS. THERE IS NO NEED TO STATE NOW WHAT IS TO BE IN FIVE YEARS' TIME. THUS, LANDAU'S PROPOSAL DOES NOT SOVLE THE RIDDLE. IT ACCORDS WITH BEGIN'S STAND, AS EXPRESSED ONLY A SHORT TIME AGO. YET, IF MR. BEGIN STILL FULLY IDENTIFIES WITH THIS PROPOSAL TODAY, WHY LET LANDAU RAISE IT IN THE CABINET, INSTEAD OF DOING SO HIMSELF? THIS TEACHES US THAT MR. BEGIN, AWARE OF THE FACT THAT MOST OF THE CABINET MINISTERS FAVOR THE ADOPTING OF A MORE POSITIVE RESOLUTION THAN THAT RAISED BY LANDAU, BY HIS VERY SILENCE IS ENSURING HIMSELF A WAY OUT, A POSSIBILITY OF RETREATING. IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT BEGIN IS AIMING FOR A RESOLUTION WHICH WILL AT LEAST PARTIALLY SATISFY THE FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTER'S SIDES.

3. THE PROPOSAL OF FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN DOES NOT COME AS A SURPRISE. HIS ANSWERS TO THE US QUESTIONS ARE POSITIVE. HE IS IN FAVOR OF DECIDING THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORIES IN FIVE YEARS' TIME, WHEN A CERTAIN

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MODUS VIVENDI, DETERMINED BY THE AUTONOMY FRAMEWORK, WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS OF THINGS TO COME. CONTRARY TO WHAT WAS STATED IN THE ISRAEL-US WORKING PAPER SIGNED BY DAYAN ON OCTOBER 5, 1977, IN NEW YORK, THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOW REJECTS EGYPT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FORUM THAT WIL DECIDE THE FATE OF THE TERRITORIES IN FIVE YEARS' TIME. THE TRUTH IS, THAT THEN, IN NEW YORK, THE MENTION WAS OF COOPTING EGYPT, IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA TALKS, INTO A WORKING GROUP WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO DISCUSS ISSUES CONCERNING THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. NOW DAYAN SAYS THAT ISRAEL, JORDAN AND THE PALESTINIANS, WITHOUT EGYPT, SHOULD REACH MUTUAL AGREEMENT. THE PRACTICAL MENING OF THIS WOULD BE THAT EACH SIDE RETAINS THE RIGHT TO VETO THE PROPOSALS OF THE OTHERS.

4. AT THE SAME TIME, DAYAN DETAILS A SERIES OF CONDITIONS WHICH, IN ISRAEL'S VIEW, MUST BE MET: IDF PRESENCE IN THE TERRITORIES, NEGATION OF FOREIGN RULE, NEGATION OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE; AND THE RIGHT TO SETTLE. DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN'S PROPOSAL IS SHORT, CLEAR AND MORE OUTGOING THAN DAYAN'S. WEIZMAN FEELS THAT AFTER FIVE YEARS HAVE ELAPSED THE TERRITORIES SHOULD

BE ACCORDED A PERMANENT STATUS, WITH ISRAEL, JORDAN AND THE PALESTINIANS, AS WELL AS EGYPT PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. CONTRARY TO DAYAN, WHO CONTENTS THAT EGYPT HAS NO STATUS IN THE WEST BANK OR GAZA, WEIZMAN FEELS THAT IT IS DESIRABLE THAT EGYPT, WHO IS ISRAEL'S ONLY NEGOTIATING PARTNER, ALSO BE A PARTNER IN DETERMINING THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORIES. IN COMPLETE CONTRADICTION TO DAYAN, WEIZMAN DOES NOT MAKE ANY CONDITIONS, ALTHOUGH CLEARLY A PART, AT LEAST, OF DAYAN'S CONDITIONS ARE ALSO ACCEPTABLE TO HIM. BUT THE DEFENSE MINISTER PREFERS TO LEAVE ALL THE QUESTIONS IN DISPUTE OPEN TO DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

5. ALL THE DIFFERENCES NOTWITHSTANDING, IT IS STILL
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CONCEIVABLE, IN THEORY AT LEAST, THAT A JOINT DAYAN-WEIZMAN RESOLUTION WILL EMERGE. WHAT IS MORE DIFFICULT IS TO ESTIMATE WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL DO IN AN EFFORT AT FORMULATING A JOINT PROPOSAL SATISFACTORY TO EVERYONE. AT THIS POINT IT LOOKS RATHER LIKE TRYING TO MAKE A SQUARE OUT OF A CIRCLE. END TEXT.
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